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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : YAMAGUCHI et al.

Serial No. : 09/806,636 Group Art Unit: 1615

Filed : May 23, 2001 Examiner: OH, SIMON J.

**Title : CONTROLLED-RELEASE ORAL PREPARATION OF
ESCULETIN AND ITS DERIVATIVES**

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

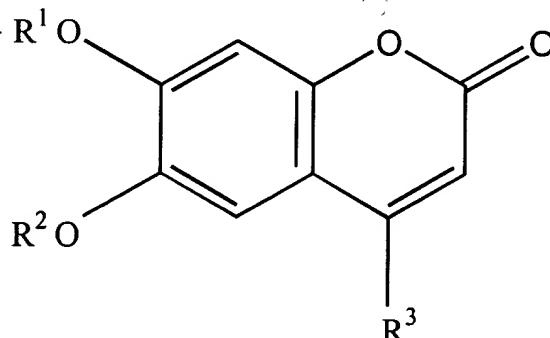
Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated August 21, 2002, Applicants hereby request entry of the following amendments and remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1-2, 4-6, 8, 10, and 18-24, as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A controlled-release oral preparation comprising: esculetin, or its derivative shown by the formula (I),



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